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Title: ADMINISTRATION AND UTILIZATION OF PRIVATE KEYS IN A
NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued March 16, 2000,
please consider the remarks that follow.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office
Action dated March 16, 2000. Reconsideration and allowance of
the application in view of the remarks to follow is respectfully
requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application of which Claims
1, 5, and 11 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 11-13, 15, 16, 19, 20 are
rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent
No. 5,732,137 to Aziz ("Aziz"). Claims 7-10, 17, and 18 are
rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Aziz in